

[4 May, 2007]

RAJYA SABHA

**Use of animal fat for cheap ghee**

3228. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that animal fat of even dead animals is being used to prepare cheap ghee in many districts of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) how Government propose to check this menace from spreading to other parts of the country;

-(c) whether any case, due to its ill-effects, has come to the notice of Government; and

(d) if so, whether Government would appoint a committee to enquire the ill-effects of consumption of such products?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) No such specific report has been received in this Ministry. However, a press report had appeared in a newspaper which was referred to Food (Health) Authority, Uttar Pradesh who is implementing PFA Act, 1954 and Rules framed thereunder in that State to take immediate action under the provisions of the said Act/Rules and launch a special drive to detect such cases of adulteration in ghee.

The Food (Health) Authorities of all other States/UTs in the country have also been advised to take similar action under the provisions of the said PFA Act, 1954 and Rules 1955 in their respective States/UTs.

(c) and (d) No case due to its ill-effects has been reported to this Ministry.

**PDS benefits to APL and BPL population in Jharkhand**

13239. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of persons living above as well as below poverty line in Jharkhand benefiting from Public Distribution System under Antyodaya Anna Yojana during the last two years;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.